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State executive director elected to national post

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 15, 2006) — Bobbie Beth Scoggins, the executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing, has been elected president of the National Association of the Deaf, a non-profit advocacy organization.

Scoggins of Frankfort was elected during the organization's recent annual membership meeting in California. NAD was founded in 1880 and has a membership of about 25,000, including the members of affiliate organizations. NAD is a national federation of state associations, individual members, and organizational and corporate affiliates that promotes, protects and preserves the rights and quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing Americans. For more information on the association, visit <http://www.nad.org>.

Scoggins served as a regional representative on the NAD board for two years before being elected president of the association. Scoggins term as president will end in 2008.

"I am honored to be elected to serve as president of the National Association of the Deaf. Clearly the accomplishments of the Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing played a role in my selection," said Scoggins.

In 1993 Scoggins became executive director of KCDHH, the state commission that provides leadership, education, advocacy and direct services to Kentuckians who are deaf and hard of hearing. KCDHH is an agency of the Kentucky Education Cabinet.

"Executive Director Scoggins is an outstanding advocate for the deaf and hard of hearing community, not only in Kentucky but nationwide. Her talents and expertise are invaluable to our state so it is not surprising that her colleagues would choose her to lead this national organization. I think it says a lot about our state when Kentucky officials are tapped for the top regional and national positions in their respective fields," said Kentucky Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia G. Fox.

Scoggins earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1978 and a master's degree in administration and supervision in 1988 from California State University. She earned a doctorate of education in institutional management in 1992 from Pepperdine University.

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